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The emphatic "No!" of EISENHOWER should scotch the plans of that restive contingent who have been looking wistfully for a rainbow in region of Morningside Heights. But you can never tell precisely what a desperate Democrat may do. Proposed strategy of switching dissident delegates from EISENHOWER (if unavailable) to Justice DOUGLAS probably won't work.

The situation is admittedly explosive and almost anything can happen. But at the moment it looks very much as tho TRUMAN will be the anointed standard-bearer. Old line party leaders are already thinking of, and looking toward '50 and '52. They're reconciled to defeat this yr; content to sacrifice a goat, if only they can keep the Donkey sound of wind and limb for future campaigns.

Mrs FDR for VP with TRUMAN?—Not a chance—for a number of very practical reasons, quite apart from the upsetting of tradition.

Democratic Platform: You may look for a delirious document that will promise everything to everybody. A revival of the old theme of *Happy Days Are Here Again*, with something of the New Look added for further embellishment. The document will probably stop just short of calling for outright repeal of TAFT-HARTLEY labor law.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Gen OMAR N BRADLEY: "The U S has matured to world leadership, so it is time we steered by the stars, not by the lights of each passing ship." 1-Q

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Gov DWIGHT GREEN (Ill): "Our task is to put the world on its feet and not on our back." 2-Q

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Sen HENRY CABOT LODGE, Jr: "When too many people in a nation depend on the gov't for their living, democracy is assassinated, freedom is gone, and the arrival of the dictator is just around the corner." 3-Q

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JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Dewey's foreign policy adviser: "The U S is today a paradise compared to most of the world, but it will be a fool's paradise if we do not help others out of the morass into which they have fallen." 4-Q

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Dr J BRONOWSKI, British Scientist: "We are not afraid of the future because of a bomb. We are afraid of bombs because we have no faith in the future." 5-Q

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JAMES C PETRILLO: "Any American has the right to speak his mind, no matter how much you may dislike him." 6-Q

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Gen LUCIUS D CLAY, American occupation chief in Germany: "Some of the German youth is in a vacuum. The foul air of Hitlerism has been blown out but the clean fresh air of Americanism has not yet been completely pumped in." 7-Q

HARVEY S FIRESTONE, Jr. "Every American should ask himself, 'Is there any other country where I would be better off than here?' If the answer is 'No,' then he should take an active part in stopping those who try to impose another country's way of life upon us." 8-Q

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J HOWARD MCGRATH, Chairman Democratic Nat'l Committee: "Any speculation about the possibility of (Truman) withdrawing is wishful thinking." 9-Q

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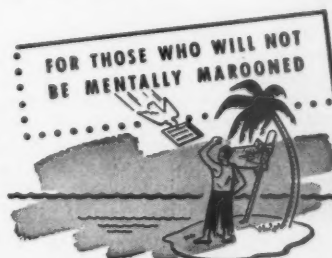
MARK F ETHRIDGE, publisher, *Louisville Courier-Jnl*: "As a people we are ashamed of normalcy. That is why we seek a political Messiah to lead us to new heights." 10-Q

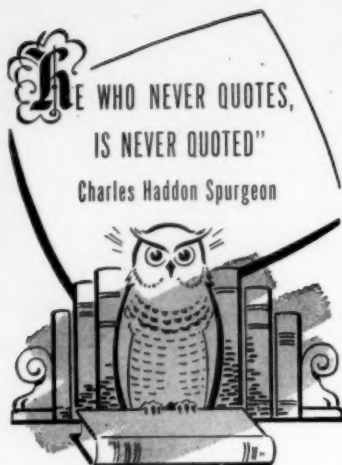
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A H RASKIN, in *N Y Times*: A Truman-Dewey contest is likely to have the same pulse-quickenng effect on the rank-and-file of labor as the arrival of a new corpse at the morgue." 11-Q

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BYRON PRICE U N Gen'l Ass't Sec'y: "The world has become too small to go on living half free, half slave. We must triumph grandly or fail miserably." 12-Q





ACTION—Lack—1

Oversleeping will never make your dreams come true.—*Santa Fe Magazine*, hm Santa Fe Ry.

ATOMIC AGE—2

Decisions must be made about the production of atomic power. But you and I will have little to do with these things. It is a controversy among professionals; and you and I, who have difficulty with such a simple thing as the binomial theorem in high school algebra, would be quite hooted out of the hall if we tried to tell these professionals what to do.—*MORRIS MARKEY*, "The Story Never Told," *McCall's*, 7-48.

If we think thoughts of hate, fear, revenge, conquest, we will use atomic power to destroy. If we think in terms of human service we will discover thousands of ways to use atomic power to benefit the lives of men. The thinking behind all the natural resources of the universe determines their constructive or destructive use. The power of thought is more potent than a mountain of uranium!—*WILFERD A PETERSON*, "The Greatest Power in The World," *Democracy in Action*.

BIBLE—Challenge—3

Young physicist wrote dr's thesis saying that about 2 billion yrs ago a quantity of neutron gas reached a point of compression and then expanded, cooled, and swapped its neutrons around so that the universe was formed in 60 min's. His thesis was passed upon and his dr's degree awarded by 9 learned physi-

cists and mathematicians, who apparently hadn't read the Genesis version that it took a whole day.—*Kiplinger Magazine*.

CHILD—Training—4

Parents need to remember that they are only links between the child and knowledge. The parents are not originating any truth, they are only revealing it.—*IRENE KLINGBERG*, "Sex Education is the Parents' Job," *Christian Life*, 7-48.

COST-OF-LIVING—5

The average housewife has her own price index—to go buy, or go by—depending on the price tag.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

It is not difficult to meet expenses these days. You meet 'em every time you turn around.—*H J HIGDON*.

DIVORCE—6

A new vogue is the Divorce Shower. Some break-ups being friendly ones, the ex-groom throws a back-in-circulation party for his ex-bride, inviting all her pre-marital bachelor friends to attend. The reverse side of the invitation carries a replica of their divorce decree.—*HY GARDNER*, *Parade*.

We were strolling 5th Ave with him the other middle-of-the-night . . . His recent wife and a friend came out of a nearby bar seeking a cab. He turned away and swallow hard. "Why the blues?" he was asked. "You knew what you were doing when you divorced her." "Sure," he sighed, "but my heart can't read legal documents."—*WALTER WINCHELL*, syndicated col.

EDUCATION—7

The average person is not interested in literature. He simply wants to kill time. He asks of education only that it increase his earning power so that he may enjoy in greater quantity or quality the material satisfactions of the uneducated.—*Dr MORRIS BISHOP*, Colgate Univ.

GOD—and Man—8

While Helen Keller was yet shut off from communication with other people by the impenetrable curtain of blindness and deafness, she conceived the existence of God. When at last her teacher had succeeded in

getting messages to her, Bishop Phillips Brooks was asked to attempt to transcribe to her fingers from his lips the message of God's love. The girl placed her fingertips on his lips and he talked in simple language about God and His revelation in the person of Jesus Christ. The features of Helen Keller began to work, as her body grew tense and rigid. Suddenly she could stand it no longer, and she cried out: "I knew Him! I knew Him! I didn't know His name, but I knew Him!" — *Lutheran Companion*.

They DO Say . . .

Even the conservative Briton who tends to view England's favorite humor jnl with something less than reverence, should applaud the restraint of a recent paragraph: "Old readers of *Punch* will not easily forget the wk ending July 17, 1841, when the 1st number of this paper appeared." . . . *The Nation*, liberal N Y wkly, appears currently with a boxed notice across the masthead: "Verboden in N Y C Schools." Ban results from recent series of articles by *PAUL BLANSHARD* on Roman Catholic church. . . . *Tom Brenneman's Mag*, contesting for a new name, finds most readers want to reverse their idol's memory by holding old title. . . . Advertising for baby sitters, N Y families now mention television set in home as added inducement. . . . And word comes from our Hollywood scout that movie wardrobe dep'ts are providing diapers equipped with zippers.

HERITAGE—9

Gov't engineers, flooding a Tenn mtn valley for an electrical power program, encountered resistance from a native whose family had lived there for generations.

Offered a fine, new, modern house in exchange for his cabin, the mountaineer explained that his grandfather had started a fire on the hearth of the old cabin. This sacred family symbol had burned continuously thru 3 generations.

The engineers offered, understandingly, to gather the fire and deposit it upon the hearth of the new house. To this, the old man

agreed. "All I want," he said, "is to keep alive the fire of my fathers."—Dr WM L STIDGER, quoted by Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, "Two Fundamentals," *Labor Union*.

HONESTY—10

On the door of All-Hallows church, London, is this sign. "Not everyone who enters the church is converted. Please watch your hand-bags, etc."—*Religious News Service*.

HUMAN NATURE—11

Some of the neighbors gathered in the country store were trying to decide whether they were going to like the new schoolma'am.

"Well, sir, it's like this," summed up the Abandoned Character. "When she is good, she's very, very good; but when she is bad she's quite a bit like any other human being." — *Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine*.

IRONY—12

Joseph Wadlington, of Memphis, explained to police that he stole a typewriter because he needed it to re-write the Bible.—*Tit-Bits*. (England)

JUDGMENT—13

Let us remember the scale called judgment which is part of the native equipment of every individual. Let's keep it dusted off and use it frequently. Lincoln, and many other Americans gave a lot so that we might have this privilege.—*Howe Fulcrum*, hm, Howe Scale Co.

LABOR—Relations—14

Because it has been loosely used to identify the racketeering, subversive, and belligerent elements among employed people, the noun labor has become a devious, disuniting, and insidious promoter of class consciousness and antagonisms.

When we speak of the employed, let us use words that promote unity rather than class distinction.

Worker is such a word—who is not either a "thinking worker or a working thinker?" In that sense ours is a worker's republic.—ART HOOD, "Words Can Grow Horns!" *American Lumberman & Building Products Merchandiser*.

LABOR—Relations—15

It is not company policy to have people go home on Fri night after a week's work anything like as tired as they come in on Monday A M after the rigors of our American week ends. — L R BOULWARD, V Pres in charge of employe relations for Gen'l Electric.

LAW—16

Maybe there is nothing wrong with the law today. Only in one case the same court held that the same decedent in the same will signed by the same witnesses was insane when she directed the disposition of her real estate and sane when she gave away her personal property.—*Nation's Business*.

LIFE—Living—17

Complications are the spice of life. People who try to make life simple often succeed in making it sterile.—JOHN K SHERMAN, *Minneapolis Tribune*.

MIND—18

Sanity is the capacity to adjust oneself immediately to reality. — RAYMOND GRAM SWING.

PATRIOTISM—19

We should behave toward our country as women behave toward the men they love. A loving wife will do anything for her husband except stop criticising and trying to improve him. We should cast the same affectionate, but sharp glances at our country. We should love it, but also insist upon telling it all its faults. The noisy, empty "patriot" not the critic, is the dangerous citizen.—J B PRIESTLY, British author.

POLITICS—20

To live long in politics you must possess the hide of a rhinoceros, the memory of an elephant, and the patience of a beaver; you will need the heart of a lion, the stomach of an ostrich, the humor of the crow; but all these will not avail unless you also have some of the ornery cussedness of the Army mule.—Gov ROBT F BRADFORD, Mass, *This Week*.

British opinion on U S politics is always interesting, sometimes en-

lightening. Said ALISTAIR COOKE, in the *Manchester (England) Guardian Wkly*: "Tho (Dewey) would look foolish in Roosevelt's cape, he would be a far finer administrator than Roosevelt ever was."

PRISON—Reform—21

Prisons fail because we have failed miserably to run them properly. Ninety-nine per cent of all inmates must come out sometime. Only 1% will die or be executed in custody. We have not run our prisons to reform the 99%.—DAVID DRESSLER, "Life and Death of a Boy," *This Wk*, 6-27-'48.

RUSSIA—America—22

Andrei Gromyko' came up with a new way to say no. An American reporter asked him to talk on a very delicate political question. "That," joked the reporter, "is what our radio calls the \$64 question." The Russian smiled. "Yes, I know. And I have just lost \$64." —*UN World*.

SELFISHNESS—Self-Interest—23

Hell is a place of everlasting noise, Where voices, plaintive and obnoxious, cry Over and over again their favorite word In constant iteration: "I, I, I."—ROLFE HUMPHRIES, *Forbid Thy Ravens*. (Scribner's)



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AUTO ACCESSORIES: New device will start auto engine when ignition is turned on; will also crank engine automatically if it should stall on hill or at crossing. (*Financial Post*)

CRIME DETECTION: Minute specks or smears of paint left on hit-and-run victim's clothing are analyzed by new electronic device, called "Spectrophotometer," that can distinguish 2 million different odors. Result is compared with records containing samples of all known paints and finishes. Car make is thus quickly and accurately established, and the search carried out more effectively. (*Canadian Business*)

FIRE PREVENTION: Fire Tattler alarm system provides complete coverage for a good size home. Hung like an electric clock and plugged into 100-volt socket, insulated wire connects alarm to 8 fire detectors mounted in locations where fire danger exists. Before heat reaches 170° F, detector breaks circuit to sound alarm. Mfg by Ingersoll & Co, St Paul. (*Forbes*)

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES: Portable dishwasher, 16 in's in diameter and less than 15 in's high, can be set in the kitchen sink and attached to the faucet. Water jets propel the revolving basket of dishes during both washing and rinsing and for the average family are washed, rinsed and dried in 5 min's. (*Science News Letter*)

RADIO - Appliances: Automatic switch turns off radio whenever anyone lifts telephone receiver and turns it on at same volume when call is finished. Mfg by Kenworth Mfg, Milwaukee. (*Newsweek*)

SPEECH—Speaking—24

Speeches with a spiritual message are like beautiful gulls winging their way in graceful flight over the sky-blue waters of a fathomless sea. But—without the spiritual message our gulls become only as quacking ducks dragging their tails thru the muck and mire of some barnyard. — CHAS COVER, "Gulls . . . or . . . Ducks?" Toastmaster.

SUCCESS—Failure—25

The successful man lengthens his stride when he discovers the sign post has deceived him. The failure looks for a place to sit down. — *Chrysler Airtemps News*, hm Chrysler Motor Co.

TIME—26

Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is ready cash; spend it wisely.—*Baptist Message*.

TROUBLE—27

Hannah gave vent to a word of bitterness after one of those winters when every known calamity descended: "I know the Lord won't send me more trouble than I have strength to bear, but I do wish He did not have quite such a good opinion of me."—Mrs A R PENNELL, *The Councillor*.

To avoid trouble, breathe thru the nose. It keeps the mouth shut.—*Woodmen of the World Magazine*, hm, Woodmen of the World Life Ins Co.

VIEWPOINT—28

The beggar was stationed near the office of a wealthy businessman. He had rec'd a dime a day from the executive regularly over a long period of time. Business took the businessman out of town for almost a month. When he ret'd he passed the beggar who said, with a slight tone of reproach. "You owe me \$3.00."—*Wiesbaden (Germany) Post*.

In a city in the Russian zone of Germany the representatives of a group of shoemakers went to the Russian commanding officer to request leather for resoling. Without a word the officer walked to the window and stood silently for several min's. Then he gave them their

answer: "During this time I've been watching the German passers-by. They all have had undamaged shoes. Women were wearing attractive wooden-soled shoes. Certainly some of the shoes were in poor condition, but still wearable.

"In Russia, most persons would be wearing much poorer footwear. I won't give you any leather."—*Der Schuhmacher*, Ulm. (Germany.) (QUOTE translation)

WOMEN—Fashion—29

The woman who becomes a slave to fashion and goes hog-wild on clothes immediately becomes a candidate for the booby hatch. She is a neurotic who has missed self-realization as a woman. Instead of rushing to a dress designer, she ought to hunt up the nearest psychiatrist. — NORMA, Hollywood fashion designer, quoted by HOWARD CHEYNE, syndicated col.

YOUTH—30

Now and then, one hears complaints that young people are inclined to make a "ruckus" in the house. Seemingly, young people, unlike some of their seniors, have never developed aptitudes for acting other than their age.

From where we stand, an ounce of boy is worth a ton of rugs and upholstery, whether in the home or in the classroom. . . Boys and girls have drifted into dangerous, so-called recreational centers because they were made to feel they stirred up too much dust at home. . . A blacksmith's shop too well kept is a pretty good sign there hasn't been much horseshoeing going on.—*Western Recorder*.

They make mistakes—as many as we made before them. But I believe that the young people of this generation are intrinsically as fine, as fundamentally forth-right and as worthy as young people have ever been. I also believe that youth today faces problems more complex than those faced by youth in any other time. I find them courageous, more intellectually alert than was my own general footing. And—as quickly responsive to an ideal.—Dr DANIEL POLING, pres, Internat'l Society of Christian Endeavor.

"Because we are together . . ."



Once again ILKA CHASE has sharpened her darts of wit to devastating points in *Free Admission* (Double-day & Co \$3.). She tosses them straight at the theatre, the radio and the lecture platform. Miss CHASE has found since writing her 1st book, *Past Imperfect*, that people's reactions to being mentioned in books are unpredictable. Some purr happily and leave the volume open on the living-room table. Others treat the author gingerly, rather as an egg which might bite, and still a third category excoriate outright. But more than just light bantering, *Free Admission* is a story that will bring back memories to all women who lived via V-mail during the war, for ILKA CHASE tells of living a strained and tenuous life half a world away from the man she loved—a doctor, commander in the Navy. It is a life lived by thousands of women not many mo's ago, and the story will captivate anyone who has ever been in love. Dr Norton Brown, Medical Commander of the carrier San Jacinto had rec'd his orders and Ilka met him for a few hrs.

We were talking on the station platform. It was raw and windy and the snow lay in patches. He was wearing his winter greens and a thick navy overcoat. I had on my fur coat and fleece-lined galoshes and gloves. We looked like stolid, wooden people, moving with a slow, cumbersome gait. I put my hand out and touched him. My glove touched his coat and I hooked my finger over his belt and I thought about the next day when I would see him again. . . I got into the train and he stood on the platform waiting until I reached my seat. I put my hand on the window and said "Good-bye" through the glass and watched him a minute standing there looking up at me, the lace on his visor glinting dully in the gray daylight. He looked big in his wooden clothes, the biggest and ablest and dearest of all the wooden race, but wooden just the same because they could lift him up and set him down anywhere they wanted to, and what he and I wanted made no difference.

When I reached my hotel in Pittsburgh there was a message to call the Phila operator. I went to the phone with a heavy heart. . . Orders had been issued: When or if we would ever see each other again we didn't know. . . I thought of the new life Norton was beginning and of the enormous job ahead of him and I thought he would not have much time to be lonely. . . it made me sad to realize that we had no place that was ours, no place for his memory to live. . .

After his departure I wrote him constantly but felt as though I were sending letters winging out in care

of the atmosphere. Addressing them to the fleet post office seemed mighty vague. Late one night he called me—from where he was not allowed to say—but he sounded far away and forlorn and lonely and it was sad to lie there in the dark, the receiver pressed to my ear, and to hear his voice coming through the night and not know where he was or if I would see him again. The telephone wire was a life line to which I clung desperately, for as soon as he hung up all contact would vanish. . . My life was not made easier by reading Fredric Wakeman's *Shore Leave*. There was an unsparing honesty in the portrayal of the men, and their talk rang so convincingly that, to a waiting woman, it was a bit like being knocked awake by a lead pipe. It was a shock, but I had to admit it was probably so. The farther and longer away men are, the more they are involved in war, the less they think of home and their women. Of women as such, but not their own. It's doubtless very high-class psychic adjustment and Mother Nature's way, and I will thank her to mind her own business. . .

Now, we are in our own apt home at last. We have been married over a yr. We've had servant trouble, housing trouble, legal trouble (mine), financial shortage, separation while I toured the straw-hat circuit, and a sense of being crushed under more work than we can possibly accomplish.

Yet despite all this, a life, in short, which is no more than normal in our world today, because we are together it has been, for me, the lovely yr.



Improve Your Time

MARY BAKER EDDY

Always deeply interested in religious and metaphysical subjects, it is recorded that, as a girl of 12, Mrs Eddy disputed a point in *Theology* when examined for church membership. She was born in Bow, N H, 127 yrs ago this wk (7-16-1821). Altho in her middle fifties when the Christian Science Ass'n was formally organized, the founder, (dying at the age of 89) saw her cult spread thruout the world.

Apart from her chosen field, Mrs Eddy's writings were rather trite and labored. We present an excerpt from one of her many articles.

Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of moments more than upon any other one thing. A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing, and in indecision. If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.

Three ways of wasting time, one of which is contemptible, are gossiping mischief, making lingering calls, and mere motion when at work, thinking of nothing or planning for some amusement,—travel of limb more than mind. Rushing around smartly is no proof of accomplishing much.

All successful individuals have become such by hard work; by improving moments before they pass into hours, and hours that other people may occupy in the pursuit of pleasure. They spend no time in sheer idleness, in talking when they have nothing to say, in building air-castles or floating off on the wings of sense: all of which drop human life into the ditch of nonsense, and waste its years.

Old Dr Stewart, noted for his kindness to the poor, had as a patient a poor fellow with a chronic disease. The doctor knew his case was incurable, but for many mo's, just to cheer the unfortunate man, he'd visit him each wk and give him a mild tonic.

One day, the old man said, "You needn't come no more, Doc. You ain't done me no good, so I been savin' up my money to get me one of those pay doctors."—Mrs GEO S BROWN, *Times-Picayune New Orleans States Magazine*.

DRUGSTORE: where you can get indigestion and remedy at the same time.—Powerfax, hm, Elliott Co.

A minister in a little S C church had been having trouble with his collections. One Sunday he announced, "Now, before we pass the collection plate I would like to request that the person who stole the chickens from brother Snavelly's hen house please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. The Lord don't want no money from a thief."

The collection plate was passed around and for the 1st time in many mo's everybody gave.—Pa-geant.

ERP: Excellent Results Promising.—Forbes'.

The visitor who was examining the class asked: "Can any little boy tell me what a fish net is made of?"

One boy jumped to his feet eagerly. "Yes, ma'am," he volunteered, "It's made of a lot of little holes tied together with a string."—Locomotive, hm, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins Co.

The average citizen frowns on profanity in a public place, but loves it in a best-selling novel. BEN SALLAWS, Alliance (Neb) Times-Herald.

The teacher asked Johnny, "Is the world round?"

"No'm," was the short reply.

"It isn't!" exclaimed the teacher.

"Well, then, Johnny, is it flat?"

"No'm," was Johnny's reply again.

"Well," said the teacher with a smile, "if the world isn't round, and it isn't flat, then tell me, what is it?"

Johnny looked confident as he repl'd, "Dad says it's crooked."—Woodmen of the World Magazine, hm, Woodmen of the World Life Ins Co.

POLITICIAN'S EPITAPH: He was cut in on so many things he died of lacerations. — HENRY VANCE, Birmingham News-Age-Herald.

The senator was back home looking after his political fences, and was asking the minister about some of his old acquaintances.

"How is old Mr Jones? Will I be likely to see him today?"

"You'll never see Mr Jones again," repl'd the minister. "He has gone to heaven." — Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

If people are to continue to inhabit the earth, they will have to learn to tolerate people, whether they like them or not. —Grit.

After church one Sunday, the Mrs asked her husband, "Did you notice the chinchilla coat on the lady in front of us in church, today?" "Er-no. Afraid I was dozing," came the apologetic reply.

"Huh," the Mrs snorted. "A lot of good the service did you!"—Woodmen of the World Magazine, hm, Woodmen of the World Life Ins Co.

The presidential campaign is underway and wise voters will use a lot of salt between now and Nov.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

The story is told of how Rob't Benchley, leaving a restaurant, strolled over to the uniformed man at the curb and briskly demanded, "A cab, please."

The "doorman" turned swiftly and glared at Benchley, who, suddenly

Behavior of a Human Male

Before returning home to Bloomington Dr Kinsey (of the renowned Kinsey Report) telegraphs, speaking for the other investigators, too. Once, as he did this, Western Union objected. Dr K. had innocently dictated, "ARRIVE HOME TOMORROW TELL OTHER WIVES."—NANETTE KUTNER, "Yes, there is a Mrs Kinsey," McCall's. 7-'48.

observing the smart admiral's uniform, gulped: "Make it a battleship!" — Christian Science Monitor.

Memory is the thing we forget with.—Santa Fe Magazine, hm, Santa Fe Ry.

A pvt was walking down the st with his girl when they approached a naval officer. The soldier saluted smartly and the gesture was ret'd. "Why do Army men salute Navy men?" she asked. "After all, my dear," repl'd the soldier, "they are our allies."—Sydney Gyrona.

Give a woman enough rope and she'll want the pearls on it to be perfectly matched.—Wall St Jnl.

Having only recently moved into the district, she was determined to impress the neighbors. She arranged for a musical At Home, and told her husband to see to the booking of a musician to entertain the guests.

"Have you engaged the pianist yet?" she asked her husband a few days before the great evening.

"Yes, my dear," he replied, "a great virtuoso."

She looked annoyed.

"Never mind about his morals. Can he play the piano?"—Tit-Bit's (England).

The only thing some people will give away is a secret.—HOWARD W NEWTON, Redbook.

The doctor: "How are you today?"

The patient: "Terrible. If you told me that I was dead I wouldn't be in the least surprised."—Aujour'hui, Le Digeste Francais (Montreal, Canada), (QUOTE translation).

Mining

THE MAGAZINES



The American President — CLINTON L. ROSSITER—*The Yale Review*, Summer, '48.

The number of people in Geo Washington's entire administration was a few hundred; the number in Truman's is just under 2 million. If a hundred men in the country were important enough to claim Washington's ear, would 10,000 be the figure for Truman?

The point need not be labored. The Pres is swamped. If the Convention of 1787 had had any conception of the way the U S and its gov't would grow, it is likely that it would have listened more favorably to serious proposals and willed us a plural executive.

The Pres remains the ceremonial head of the American gov't. He may be the working head of our gov't, but he is its figurehead as well. He performs tasks of world-shaking significance—and of hand-shaking insignificance. A beginning difficulty is that he is Geo VI and Clement Attlee rolled into one. He greets distinguished visitors, lays wreaths on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, bestows the Medal of Honor on flustered pilots, throws out the 1st ball for the Senators, makes proclamations of thanksgiving and commemoration, buys the 1st poppy from the V F W and gives the 1st crisp bank note to the Red Cross. He greets (always before a camera) a remarkable array of firemen, athletes, midgets, Boy Scouts, Elks, Eagles, and heroic children. The March of Dimes or the annual Community Chest drive could not possibly get under way without a broadcast from the White House. Nor is this ceremonial function, for obvious political reasons, untainted with commercialism; if it isn't one "Week" it's another, and not even a Maine Pres would turn

European Plan

American business methods have affected Europeans but the exchange is no one-way affair. Many Americans who arrived there in the wake of the war full of "pep, vim, and vigor" are adapting their business lives to a more leisurely tempo.

The frenzied activity which ruled their business lives at home is no longer seen as the only means to efficiency, and they realize with what seems to be grateful appreciation that a man may take a walk after lunch before ret'g to his desk and not be guilty of treason to what he terms "the American system."

Thus there is an exchange of ideas on both sides. At this stage in the world's development such exchanges are helpful. — DREW MIDDLETON, "The New American in Old Europe," *N Y Times Magazine*, 6-27-'48.

away the Maid of Cotton from the White House door.

The Pres is the one-man distillation of the American people. In the words of Pres Taft: "The personal embodiment and representation of their dignity and majesty." It is the American people, rather than the family of Harry S Truman, who sent best wishes and a Sidney Waugh bowl to Philip and Elizabeth of Great Britain, on the memorable occasion of their marriage. The role of chief of state may often seem trivial, but it can never be neglected. It is this role which is the most conspicuous thief of the President's time.

Life and Love Among the Latins

The widow Augustina Aco, aged 100, native of Manilla, was frequently bothered by a suitor, aged 70, who broke into the house and tried to embrace her. The widow struck her wooer in the head several times with a piece of wood until one of her daughters, aged 80, called the police. — *Hispano Americano*, (QUOTE Translation).

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Julia Ricart, Counsul General from the Dominican Republic to Canada, has challenged to a "duel until death" the ambassador from Argentina, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, who tried to remove him from the Argentine embassy during a fiesta since he had been imbibing too freely and failed to pay respect to the women present.—*Hispano Americano*, (QUOTE translation).

As Others See Us

What are the really important things in America: Unlimited food? Shops full of desirable goods? A variety of efficient public services?

No! These merely lubricate the wheels of American daily existence. What is impressive is the enormous advance in political maturity and knowledge in nearly every class. We may be jealous of the undoubted strength now in American hands, but we must be grateful for the way in which it is being used.—WALTER FLETCHER, M P, *Overseas & Transatlantic Mail*, (England) 6-26-'48.

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"Americans? They're the tallest talkers, the loudest squawkers, the most egotistical, narrow-minded, optimistic, kindest, friendliest people on the face of the earth! I only wish there were a lot more like 'em!"

Yanks of 48 states, take a bow. The opinion above is what you'd get from almost all of some 12 million ordinary people who look like yourselves, live like you do, think much like you do—and who also think you are tops. These 12 million friends of yours are called Canadians.—WM STEPHENSON, "A Canadian Sounds Off About Us,"—*Pageant*, 8-'48.

